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Mr. Mark S. Zaid  
Executive Director  
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Dear Mr. Zaid:

This concerns your 1 June 2009 letter, in which you requested the status of your 31 December 1999 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for documents pertaining to the May 1999 bombing of the Chinese embassy in Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

We can appreciate your concern with not having received a final response to your request. Please be assured that it is the overwhelming number of requests and their complexity that causes delays in our responses. At the present, our workload comprises thousands of FOIA, Privacy Act, and Executive Order requests, and it is our policy to handle each on a first-in, first-out basis that is the most equitable to all requesters. During our searches, we also identified several documents that require this agency to consult with other federal agencies. Once the consultation process is complete, we will provide a final response concerning this request. Again, we regret that we are unable to give you a definite date for completion and ask for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Delores M. Nelson".

Delores M. Nelson  
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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